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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REDUCTION LOCAL LABOR FORCE, NAVTRACOM KENITRA
AND NAVTELCOM SIDI YAHIA

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1. U.S. NAVY HAS ASKED NAVTRACOM KENITRA TO IDENTIFY 26 APPROPRIATED POSITIONS FROM ITS MOROCCAN LABOR FORCE (OUT OF TOTAL, APPROPRIATED AND NON-APPROPRIATED, OF 515) FOR ELIMINATION. NAVY HAS ALSO ASKED NAVTELCOM SIDI YAHIA TO IDENTIFY 10 APPROPRIATED POSITIONS FOR SAME PURPOSE (OUT OF TOTAL OF 154). MESSAGE INDICATES RIFS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY JUNE 30, 1976.

2. NAVTRACOM KENITRA AND NAVTELCOM PREPARING DETAILED RESPONSE AND WILL SHORTLY BE ASKING EMBASSY FOR ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY POLITICAL IMPACT OF RIFS OF THIS MAGNITUDE. BASED ON OUR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH NAVY PERSONNEL, WE BELIEVE POLITICAL IMPACT IN MOROCCO WILL BE SIGNIFICANT AND QUITE POSSIBLY SERIOUS. PERSONNEL LIKELY TO BE HIT BY RIF HAVE AVERAGE TIME IN SERVICE OF 18 YEARS AND ARE TOO OLD TO FIND NEW JOBS IN MOROCCAN LABOR MARKET VERY READILY; THEY ARE NOT, HOWEVER, MOSTLY

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ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT. IF KENITRA HAS TO ELIMINATE

26 SUCH APPROPRIATED POSITIONS PER INSTRUCTIONS, NAVTRACOM ESTIMATES AN ADDITIONAL 14 NON-APPROPRIATED POSITIONS (PX EMPLOYEES, ETC.) WILL BECOME TOTALLY REDUNDANT AND INCUMBENTS OF THESE POSITIONS WILL HAVE TO BE RELEASED, THIS ADDING TO DIMENSIONS OF PROBLEM. GIVEN RECENT PAST HISTORY OF LESS THAN SATISFACTORY LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS AT KENITRA, NEWS OF RIF OF THIS MAGNITUDE WILL INEVITABLY CAUSE CONCERN AND PROBABLY AGITATION THROUGHOUT MUCH OF PRESENT MOROCCAN LABOR FORCE AT KENITRA. (PROBLEM AT SIDI YAHIA BY CONTRAST APPEARS RELATIVELY MANAGEABLE.) IF SUCH A SITUATION IS ALLOWED TO ARISE, IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF KING HASSAN AND I WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIM.

3. REFTEL PROPOSED, IN EFFECT, THAT STATE AND DOD TAKE A LONG LOOK AT FUTURE OF OUR MILITARY INSTALLATION IN KENITRA AND REACH BASIC UNDERSTANDING WHICH COULD THEN BE WORKED OUT WITH MOROCCANS, AND PARTICULARLY WITH KING, IN CONTEXT OF TOTALITY OF OUR EVOLVING BILATERAL POLITICAL AND POLITICO-MILITARY RELATIONSHIP. IF THIS CAN BE DONE IN NEAR FUTURE, KING WILL HAVE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH ISSUES LIKE PRESENTLY PROPOSED RIF CAN BE VIEWED AND ASSIMILATED; THERE WILL THEN BE NO DANGER OF THEIR BEING MISCONSTRUED AND BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION AS BILATERAL ISSUES. THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GO ABOUT THIS BUSINESS; THE WRONG WAY IS TO START TRIMMING POSITIONS HERE AND THERE IN ADVANCE OF A BASIC POLICY DECISION.

4. I THEREFORE URGENTLY REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW MY PROPOSALS IN REFTEL WITH APPROPRIATE DOD OFFICIALS WITH OBJECTIVE OF AGREEING UPON INSTRUCTIONS UNDER WHICH THIS MISSION CAN REVIEW QUESTION OF FUTURE OF KENTIRA INSTALLATION WITH GOM AT HIGHEST LEVEL. PENDING SUCH ACTION, I WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT NAVY BE ASKED TO HOLD UP ACTION ON PROPOSED RIFS.
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